RNAV NPRM, Docket No. FAA-2002-14002; Notice No. 02-20

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Dear Sirs:

The ATA RNAV Task Force strongly requests extending the comment period for the RNAV NPRM, Docket No. FAA-2002-14002; Notice No. 02-20. The initial industry review of the RNAV NPRM leads to concerns in at least the following areas:

- I. Definitions of precision and non-precision approaches,
- II. Definitions of CAT1/2/3,
- III. Harmonization with international authorities,
- IV. Insufficient language regarding Required Navigation Performance (RNP), a cornerstone of our future airspace system, endorsed by the FAA Administrator.

Based on this initial review, industry will need to do a much more extensive review and documentation of comments.

A 90 day extension of the comment period should be adequate to assure sufficient industry review and comments on this important document. Therefore, please grant this 90 day extension so all can address the concerns listed above.

Regards,

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